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SUBJ: TOPICS FOR THORN BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY

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1. AT A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE UNGA, PRIME MINISTER (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) GASTON THORN IS LIKELY TO WANT TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A) EC INTEGRATION. IN THE TWO WEEKS BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, THORN WILL HAVE ATTENDED SEPARATE MEETINGS OF THE EC CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT, EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND BENELUX CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS BILATERAL SESSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. HE WILL THUS BE CURRENT ON LIKELY EC RESPONSE TO FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR ACCELERATING EC INTEGRATION. IN ADDITION TO GIVING HIS PERSONAL ESTIMATE OF EC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, THORN WILL BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING US REACTIONS TO INTENDED
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EC INITIATIVES.'

B) INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CHARGE, THORN STRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT ECONOMIC ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE NEXT PHASE OF US/EC RELATIONS. HE STRESSED NEED FOR US AND EC TO COORDINATE BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE MAY ASK WHAT STEPS USG PLANS TO INSURE THAT DOMESTIC FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION HAS NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON US/EC MONETARY AND TRADE RELATIONS. THORN MAY ALSO EXPRESS INTEREST IN OUTLOOK FOR PASSAGE OF MTN LEGISLATION. FINALLY, THORN MAY PROBE FOR ASSURANCES THAT STATE DEPARTMENT WILL DIRECT AND COORDINATE US ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC, SINCE HE HAS OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSED CONFUSION OVER ROLES NOW BEING PLAYED BY TREASURY, STR, THE WHITE HOUSE AS WELL AS STATE, IN FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF US INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. TARNOFF

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